

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, HELD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2007 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING.

PRESENT: Anthony B. Toran, President, Matt Denison, Police Chief Merl Harl, Corporal Todd Bailey, Code Enforcement Officer Pam Badger, Fire Chief Stanley Mason, Street Dept Director Chuck Simons, City Clerk Marcey Wisman, Building Commissioner Ron Hartman, Controller Kay Garry, Flood Control Director Ron Granger

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Toran called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Kathy Wilkerson, NA-FC Parks Dept. re: 5K road race street closing.

Ms. Wilkerson, interim superintendent of Parks and Recreation, presented the board with the proposed route for “A Fast 5K” it will start at 9:00 a.m. and will end at around 10:00 a.m.

Chief Harl stated that they are getting concerned because the auxiliary police are getting over-used and stated that maybe in the future they could get vest with TRAFFIC on it for members of the community events so that they can do some of their own traffic.

Corporal Bailey stated that their concern is that for the next five weeks the auxiliary is being used every Saturday, and he said they could do this function without any problem but that this is something they need to look at in the future.

Chief Harl said that the only issue he finds with this event is that it is the same day as the Harvest Homecoming Parade.

Mr. Denison moved to approve, Mr. Toran second, all voted in favor

Item #2 - Jessica Wilson re: children at play sign in Scott Rd.

Ms. Wilson was not present.

Item #3 - Tracey Neafus re: road block on Silver and Spring on September 4, 4:30 - 6:30 for YMCA outreach program

Ms. Neafus was not present.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

Ms. Wisman addressed the board about the need for a new location to hang banners. She explained that there are several annual events that are happening at the same time and most of these people want their banners on high traffic areas like Spring Street. She stated that the board really needs to look at new location possibilities.

Mr. Toran stated that they are going to have to switch the Library banner that is up now with the Harvest Homecoming because it always takes priority over any other banner.

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Ms. Wisman stated that the problem with Main Street is that it is two way traffic and most of the individuals only have one sign and she asked if there was any way that they can put one up around Silver and Spring.

Mr. Simons stated that he has looked at that and it is so far apart that it is impossible to stretch it that far and still have it high enough over the street.

Mr. Denison asked about the location off of the interstate for the Harvest Homecoming to have a banner at that location

Mr. Wisman stated that they did receive permission for that location but it is only for the Harvest Homecoming banner.

Mr. Toran stated that they need to resolve this issue as soon as then can and they need to get both Harvest Homecoming banners in their proper locations.

Chief Mason stated that 67 applications have been accepted and the agility test will be conducted on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. He also reported that the pistons and sleeves have to be replaced on Engine 4.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Ron Toran, wanted to know what the parking situation is supposed to be in residential areas. He stated that in his neighborhood there are a lot of new residents and they park wherever they want and in the wrong direction. He stated that when he called dispatch the dispatcher was told by an officer that there is nothing that they can do because it is a residential neighborhood

Chief Harl said that it is a violation and can be ticketed but that it isn't the highest thing on their priority but if they are called out they would issue a citation. He stated that the dispatchers have been told that they are never to tell a caller that there is nothing that they can do about any situation so he will look into that.

Mr. Toran stated that he would give Chief Harl the name of the officer that told the dispatcher that information and he asked if they could have someone come out and ticket that area because it is becoming a nuisance.

Jerry Brewer stated that he has a business on the east end of Market Street and in 1988 they installed storm sewers after his business was flooded and they issued an easement to the city to build the storm sewers. When he expanded his business he received a letter of permission to build over the easement and he wants to expand again and needs permission to build over another part of the easement.

Mr. Toran asked Mr. Taylor to talk with Mr. Brewer to get him pointed in the right direction.

BIDS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Denison moved to approve the August 28th minutes, **Mr. Toran** second, all voted in favor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

**Anthony B. Toran, President
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**Marcey Wisman, City Clerk
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